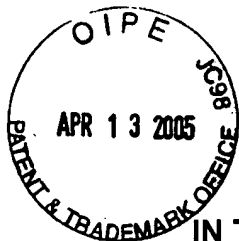


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In re the Application of:

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

**Introductory Comments**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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